the country, by establishing AIIMS-like institutions in six States, i.e. in Bihar (Patna), Chhattisgarh (Raipur), Madhya Pradesh (Bhopal), Orissa (Bhubaneshwar) Rajasthan (Jodhpur) and Uttaranchal (Rishikesh). In addition upgradation of 13 existing Government Medical College institutions in the States of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu has also been taken up under PMSSY. The institutions which has been taken up under upgradation has been decided by the respective State Governments.

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Charter of demands by representatives of SCSI, Nagpur

1231. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that representatives of Sickle Cell Society of India, Nagpur, during November 2004, had submitted a Charter of Demands on the Sickle Cell Patients, which, *inter-alia* included provision of modern diagnostic technology testing of two-months pregnant women residing in sickle cell gene zones, etc;

(b) if so, whether the demands contained in the Charter have been agreed to; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (c) According to Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the Council have been receiving communication from Walmiki Vikas Kendra, Nagpur for setting up research and treatment centre for Sickle Cell patients in the area. ICMR under a multicentric study has already established research centres in 10 States for carrying out research on haemoglobinopathies and simple intervention method has been developed to reduce the sickle cell crisis in the affected children and one such centre is located at Medical College, Nagpur.

Death due to negligence of AIIMS doctor

1232. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a 12 year old poor boy from Laddakh was operated upon for minor congenital heart disease by the Chief of CT Centre AIIMS and the boy died within one and half day due to negligent operation by the doctor;